

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GOLDEN TRIANGLE STRATEGY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a new 'Golden Triangle' strategy for the Ayurvedic System of Medicine;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Ayurvedic drugs subjected to scientific codes, techniques and studies and classified with modern medicines during the last five years including the new thrust being given to this drive under the golden triangle strategy;
- (d) whether any Ayurvedic formulations have proved to be effective in the treatment of Cancer particularly blood cancer; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Golden Triangle concept is a recent idea to undertake research on Ayurveda to develop new drugs to meet the national and global needs. Under Golden Triangle three partners - Department of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) will work in collaboration. The concept has been approved in principle but the detailed strategies, targets and resources requirements are yet to be worked out.

(c) Large number of Ayurvedic colleges, medical institutions, research councils e.g., Central Council for Research in Ayurveda & Siddha, Indian Council of Medical Research, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, various University departments, Department of Science & Technology, Defence Research & Development Organization are undertaking research on Ayurveda but the consolidated information is not available.

(d) & (e) Under the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda & Siddha (CCRAS) has undertaken an Extra Mural Project on clinical research in the patients of acute promyelocytic leukaemia and the results are encouraging.